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Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the following amendment submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2003 and made final.

## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (twice amended) A method for determining candidates to interview, said method comprising the steps of:

providing pre-determined desired qualities for a candidate, the desired qualities include at least two of analytical ability, self-confidence, initiative, change orientation, and interpersonal skills;

generating a database including at least one characteristic for each individual;

normalizing the characteristics, normalizing includes comparing the at least one characteristic to a related pre-determined desired quality, and assigning a value to the at least one characteristic based on the comparison;